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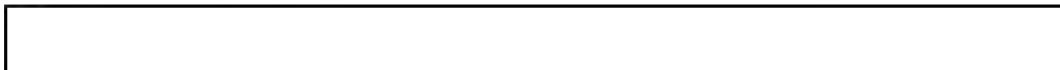
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NOTES

*SOUTH VIETNAM: President Thieu is moving ahead with measures to guarantee closer adherence by his government to the cease-fire agreement. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] on 3 March Thieu ordered the Joint General Staff to prepare orders to all military commanders instructing them to reduce the level of fighting throughout the country, and generally to "stop attacking the Communists." Earlier, Thieu had issued orders to his province chiefs to curb demonstrations against Communist truce teams. The President has also ordered the Joint General Staff to prepare a study of the effect of a partial demobilization of regular army troops over the next nine months. Article 13 of the cease-fire agreement calls on both sides to work out steps leading toward a reduction of forces. [REDACTED]

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